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In re Application of

Shigeki TOMISHIMA

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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